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REMARKS

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 1-46 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully submit that remaining Claims 47-56 are allowable over the prior art of record and, specifically, the Roussin-Bouchard and Bezin et al. references used to reject Claims 1-9 in the parent (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/195,830) of the present application. With respect to the Roussin-Bouchard reference, in the parent application the Examiner stated that reference disclosed a damping member A positioned within a cavity 10/11.

While Applicants have not incurred the cost of obtaining a full translation of the reference, a review of the HARPER COLLINS ROPER French Unabridged Dictionary, Fifth Edition, indicates that the reference numerals 10 and 11 of the Roussin-Bouchard reference do not refer to a cavity. A literal translation of the French phrase "zone plane 10, 11" (page 6, lines 16-17) into English is "flat areas 10, 11." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the Roussin-Bouchard reference does not disclose or suggest a damping member positioned within a cavity as presently claimed.

The Bezin et al. reference does not disclose a damping member within a cavity, but discloses a flexible hose used as a core during a process of molding a bicycle fork. Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 47-56 are allowable over the Bezin et al. reference.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to place the application into condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Edward A. Schlatter at (949) 721-2821 (direct line), to resolve such issue promptly.